

Amendment and Response

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REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed October 13, 2005. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10-15, and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Dickie et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,643,687 ("Dickie"). Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable by Dickie in view of Agraharam et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,987,508 ("Agraharam"). Claims 7-9 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable by Dickie in view of Takahashi et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,442,589 ("Takahashi").

With this Response, claims 1, 2, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, and 21 have been amended. Claims 1-21 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10-15, and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Dickie et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,643,687 ("Dickie"). Independent claim 1, as amended herein, recites "associating a plurality of sender-relative destinations with a corresponding plurality of actions, wherein each of the sender-relative destinations is a non-absolute destination having an associated absolute destination that varies based on sender identity, and wherein each action specifies a plurality of search terms". The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 6, lines 42-54, and col. 5, lines 36-63. (Office Action at page 2). Dickie at col. 6, lines 42-54, discloses that different proxy addresses may be used for a recipient so that high priority messages are directed to an email pager, a telephone, or another electronic device of the recipient, and lower priority messages are directed to the standard email of the recipient. Dickie at col. 5, lines 36-63, discloses that a database 430 of proxy addresses is stored in storage element 230, and describes updating of the database 430. Dickie discloses that "[t]he proxy email address corresponds to the recipient's actual email address, but is different from the actual email address." (Dickie at col. 5, lines 19-21). Thus, each proxy email address in Dickie has one associated actual destination email address. The actual destination email address for any given proxy email address does not vary based on sender identity. Thus, the proxy email addresses disclosed in

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Dickie are not sender-relative destinations as defined in claim 1, and the disclosure in Dickie regarding proxy email addresses does not teach or suggest “each of the sender-relative destinations is a non-absolute destination having an associated absolute destination that varies based on sender identity”. There is also no disclosure in Dickie that the proxy email addresses are associated with actions that each specify a plurality of search terms. The cited portions of Dickie do not teach or suggest “associating a plurality of sender-relative destinations with a corresponding plurality of actions, wherein each of the sender-relative destinations is a non-absolute destination having an associated absolute destination that varies based on sender identity, and wherein each action specifies a plurality of search terms”, as recited in independent claim 1.

Independent claim 1, as amended, also recites “receiving a first sender-relative destination for a communication via the computer network”. The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-40. (Office Action at page 2). Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-40, discloses that a database 430 of proxy addresses is stored in storage element 230. As described above, the proxy email addresses disclosed in Dickie are not sender-relative destinations as defined in claim 1. The cited portion of Dickie does not teach or suggest “receiving a first sender-relative destination for a communication via the computer network”, as recited in independent claim 1.

Independent claim 1, as amended, also recites “receiving sender identification information via the computer network, the sender identification information identifying a sender of the communication”. The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-40. (Office Action at page 2). Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-40, discloses that a database 430 of proxy addresses is stored in storage element 230. The cited portion of Dickie includes no teaching or suggestion regarding receiving sender identification information via a computer network as recited in independent claim 1.

Independent claim 1, as amended, also recites “identifying a first action in the plurality of actions associated with the first sender-relative destination”. The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 6, lines 42-54. (Office Action at page 2). Dickie at col. 6, lines 42-54, discloses that different proxy addresses may be used for a recipient so that high priority messages are directed to an email pager, a telephone, or another electronic device of the recipient, and lower priority messages are directed to the

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standard email of the recipient. As described above, the proxy addresses disclosed in Dickie are not sender-relative destinations as defined in claim 1. In addition, there is no disclosure in the cited portion of Dickie that teaches or suggests “identifying a first action in the plurality of actions associated with the first sender-relative destination”, as recited in independent claim 1.

Independent claim 1, as amended, also recites “performing a search of a directory server based on the search terms specified by the first action”. There is no disclosure in Dickie regarding searching a directory server.

Independent claim 1, as amended, also recites “determining a first absolute destination for the communication based on the search terms specified by the first action and the sender identification information.” The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 6, lines 12-24. (Office Action at page 2). Dickie at col. 6, lines 12-24, discloses that a proxy email address is transmitted to the server system 40, which converts the proxy email address to the actual email address of the recipient. Since the proxy email address corresponds to one actual email address of a recipient (Dickie at col. 5, lines 19-21), the conversion of the proxy email address to the actual email address is a simple one-to-one mapping. There is no teaching or suggestion in the cited portion of Dickie that teaches or suggests “determining a first absolute destination for the communication based on the search terms specified by the first action and the sender identification information”, as recited in independent claim 1.

In view of the above, Dickie does not teach or suggest each and every limitation of independent claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), and requests allowance of this claim. Since dependent claims 2, 4-6, and 10 further limit patentably distinct claim 1 and are further distinguishable over the cited reference, claims 2, 4-6, and 10 are believed to be allowable over the cited reference, and allowance of claims 2, 4-6, and 10 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 11, as amended, is directed to “a network device configured to be coupled to a computer network, the computer network having a directory server separate from the network device that stores a plurality of entries of different types, each entry including a plurality of attributes of different types”. The Examiner indicated that Figure 1 of Dickie discloses a network device as recited in independent claim 11. (Office Action at page

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3). Figure 1 of Dickie shows three different network devices 10, 20, and 40, coupled to network 30. Applicant respectfully requests clarification as to which of the three network devices shown in Figure 1 of Dickie the Examiner contends corresponds to the network device recited in independent claim 11.

Independent claim 11, as amended, recites “a receiver for receiving a communication from the computer network, the communication including destination information and sender identification information”. The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-40. (Office Action at page 3). Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-40, discloses that a database 430 of proxy addresses is stored in storage element 230. There is no disclosure in the cited portion of Dickie that teaches or suggests “a receiver for receiving a communication from the computer network, the communication including destination information and sender identification information”, as recited in independent claim 11.

Independent claim 11, as amended, also recites “a memory for storing search information identifying search terms associated with sender-relative destinations, each sender relative destination having a plurality of associated search terms, and wherein each of the sender-relative destinations is a non-absolute destination having an associated absolute destination that varies based on sender identity.” The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-62. (Office Action at page 3). Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-62, discloses that a database 430 of proxy addresses is stored in storage element 230, and describes updating of the database 430. Dickie discloses that “[t]he proxy email address corresponds to the recipient’s actual email address, but is different from the actual email address.” (Dickie at col. 5, lines 19-21). Thus, each proxy email address in Dickie has one associated actual destination email address. The actual destination email address for any given proxy email address does not vary based on sender identity. Thus, the proxy email addresses disclosed in Dickie are not sender-relative destinations as defined in claim 11, and the disclosure in Dickie regarding proxy email addresses does not teach or suggest “each of the sender-relative destinations is a non-absolute destination having an associated absolute destination that varies based on sender identity”. There is also no disclosure in Dickie that the proxy email addresses are each associated with a plurality of search terms. The cited portions of Dickie do not teach or suggest “a memory for storing search information identifying search terms associated with sender-relative destinations, each

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sender relative destination having a plurality of associated search terms, and wherein each of the sender-relative destinations is a non-absolute destination having an associated absolute destination that varies based on sender identity”, as recited in independent claim 11.

Independent claim 11 also recites “a controller coupled to the receiver and the memory, the controller configured to: process the destination information to identify a type of destination specified including identifying whether the destination information specifies a non-absolute sender-relative destination”. The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-40, and col. 6, lines 42-54. (Office Action at page 3). Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-40, discloses that a database 430 of proxy addresses is stored in storage element 230. Dickie at col. 6, lines 42-54, discloses that different proxy addresses may be used for a recipient so that high priority messages are directed to an email pager, a telephone, or another electronic device of the recipient, and lower priority messages are directed to the standard email of the recipient. As described above, the proxy email addresses disclosed in Dickie are not sender-relative destinations as defined in claim 11.

In addition, there is no disclosure in the cited portions of Dickie that teaches or suggests a network device that processes destination information in a received communication to identify a type of destination specified including identifying whether the destination information specifies a non-absolute sender-relative destination. Rather, the server system 40 of Dickie simply receives proxy email addresses and converts each received proxy email address to its corresponding destination email address. (See, e.g., Dickie at col. 6, lines 10-16). Since each proxy email address corresponds to one actual email address of a recipient (Dickie at col. 5, lines 19-21), the conversion of the proxy email address to the actual email address is a simple one-to-one mapping. There is no teaching or suggestion in Dickie that the server system 40 processes received proxy email addresses to identify a type of destination specified, including identifying whether the proxy email address specifies a non-absolute sender-relative destination.

Independent claim 11 also recites that the controller is configured to “perform at least one search of the directory server based on the stored search information and the sender identification information if the destination information specifies a sender-relative destination; and identify at least one absolute destination based on the search.” The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 5, lines 42-62, and

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col. 6, lines 12-24. (Office Action at page 3). Dickie at col. 5, lines 42-62, describes updating of the database 430 and the user interfaces 300 on the client systems. This disclosure refers to multiple network devices, as opposed to the single network device recited in claim 11, and there is no disclosure in this cited portion of Dickie regarding searching a directory server as recited in claim 11. Dickie at col. 6, lines 12-24, discloses that a proxy email address is transmitted to the server system 40, which converts the proxy email address to the actual email address of the recipient. Since the proxy email address corresponds to one actual email address of a recipient (Dickie at col. 5, lines 19-21), the conversion of the proxy email address to the actual email address is a simple one-to-one mapping. There is also no disclosure in this cited portion of Dickie regarding searching a directory server as recited in claim 11.

In view of the above, Dickie does not teach or suggest each and every limitation of independent claim 11. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the rejection of claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), and requests allowance of this claim. Since dependent claims 12 and 13 further limit patentably distinct claim 11 and are further distinguishable over the cited reference, claims 12 and 13 are believed to be allowable over the cited reference, and allowance of claims 12 and 13 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 14 recites “associating a plurality of sender-relative destinations with a corresponding plurality of actions, wherein each of the sender-relative destinations is a non-absolute destination having an associated absolute destination that varies based on sender identity, and wherein each action specifies a plurality of hierarchical search terms, including at least one search term that is not an email address”. The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 6, lines 42-54, and col. 5, lines 36-63. (Office Action at pages 3-4). Dickie at col. 6, lines 42-54, discloses that different proxy addresses may be used for a recipient so that high priority messages are directed to an email pager, a telephone, or another electronic device of the recipient, and lower priority messages are directed to the standard email of the recipient. Dickie at col. 5, lines 36-63, discloses that a database 430 of proxy addresses is stored in storage element 230, and describes updating of the database 430. Dickie discloses that “[t]he proxy email address corresponds to the recipient’s actual email address, but is different from the actual email address.” (Dickie at col. 5, lines 19-21). Thus, each proxy email address in Dickie has one associated actual

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destination email address. The actual destination email address for any given proxy email address does not vary based on sender identity. Thus, the proxy email addresses disclosed in Dickie are not sender-relative destinations as defined in claim 14, and the disclosure in Dickie regarding proxy email addresses does not teach or suggest “each of the sender-relative destinations is a non-absolute destination having an associated absolute destination that varies based on sender identity”. There is also no disclosure in Dickie that the proxy email addresses are associated with actions that each specify a plurality of hierarchical search terms. The cited portions of Dickie do not teach or suggest “associating a plurality of sender-relative destinations with a corresponding plurality of actions, wherein each of the sender-relative destinations is a non-absolute destination having an associated absolute destination that varies based on sender identity, and wherein each action specifies a plurality of hierarchical search terms, including at least one search term that is not an email address”, as recited in independent claim 14.

Independent claim 14, as amended, also recites “receiving a first sender-relative destination for a communication via the computer network”. The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-40. (Office Action at page 4). Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-40, discloses that a database 430 of proxy addresses is stored in storage element 230. As described above, the proxy email addresses disclosed in Dickie are not sender-relative destinations as defined in claim 14. The cited portion of Dickie does not teach or suggest “receiving a first sender-relative destination for a communication via the computer network”, as recited in independent claim 14.

Independent claim 14, as amended, also recites “receiving sender identification information via the computer network, the sender identification information identifying a sender of the communication”. The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-45. (Office Action at page 4). Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-45, discloses that a database 430 of proxy addresses is stored in storage element 230, and describes updating of the database 430. The cited portion of Dickie includes no teaching or suggestion regarding receiving sender identification information via a computer network as recited in independent claim 14.

Independent claim 14, as amended, also recites “identifying a first action in the plurality of actions associated with the first sender-relative destination”. The Examiner

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indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 6, lines 42-54. (Office Action at page 4). Dickie at col. 6, lines 42-54, discloses that different proxy addresses may be used for a recipient so that high priority messages are directed to an email pager, a telephone, or another electronic device of the recipient, and lower priority messages are directed to the standard email of the recipient. As described above, the proxy addresses disclosed in Dickie are not sender-relative destinations as defined in claim 14. In addition, there is no disclosure in the cited portion of Dickie that teaches or suggests “identifying a first action in the plurality of actions associated with the first sender-relative destination”, as recited in independent claim 14.

Independent claim 14, as amended, also recites “performing a search of a directory server based on the search terms specified by the first action”. There is no disclosure in Dickie regarding searching a directory server.

Independent claim 14, as amended, also recites “determining a first absolute destination for the communication based on the search terms specified by the first action and the sender identification information.” The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 6, lines 12-24. (Office Action at page 4). Dickie at col. 6, lines 12-24, discloses that a proxy email address is transmitted to the server system 40, which converts the proxy email address to the actual email address of the recipient. Since the proxy email address corresponds to one actual email address of a recipient (Dickie at col. 5, lines 19-21), the conversion of the proxy email address to the actual email address is a simple one-to-one mapping. There is no teaching or suggestion in the cited portion of Dickie that teaches or suggests “determining a first absolute destination for the communication based on the search terms specified by the first action and the sender identification information”, as recited in independent claim 14.

In view of the above, Dickie does not teach or suggest each and every limitation of independent claim 14. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the rejection of claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), and requests allowance of this claim. Since dependent claims 15 and 17 further limit patentably distinct claim 14 and are further distinguishable over the cited reference, claims 15 and 17 are believed to be allowable over the cited reference, and allowance of claims 15 and 17 is respectfully requested.

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Independent claim 18, as amended, recites “receiving a communication from the computer network including destination information and sender identification information, the destination information including a first sender-relative destination”. The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-40. (Office Action at page 4). Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-40, discloses that a database 430 of proxy addresses is stored in storage element 230. There is no disclosure in the cited portion of Dickie that teaches or suggests “receiving a communication from the computer network including destination information and sender identification information, the destination information including a first sender-relative destination”, as recited in independent claim 18.

Independent claim 18, as amended, also recites “processing the destination information to determine a type of destination specified, including determining whether the destination information specifies a non-absolute sender-relative destination that has an associated absolute destination that varies based on sender identity”. The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 5, lines 25-62. (Office Action at page 4). Dickie at col. 5, lines 25-62, discloses that a proxy email address for an email is routed to server system 40, which maps the proxy email address to the actual email address of the recipient. Dickie at col. 5, lines 25-62 also discloses that a database 430 of proxy addresses is stored in storage element 230, and describes updating of the database 430. The proxy email addresses disclosed in Dickie are not sender-relative destinations as defined in claim 18, since each proxy address is mapped to a single recipient email address that does not vary based on sender identity.

In addition, there is no disclosure in the cited portions of Dickie that teaches or suggests processing the destination information in a received communication to determine a type of destination specified, including determining whether the destination information specifies a non-absolute sender-relative destination. Rather, the server system 40 of Dickie simply receives proxy email addresses and converts each received proxy email address to a destination email address. (See, e.g., Dickie at col. 6, lines 10-16). Since each proxy email address corresponds to one actual email address of a recipient (Dickie at col. 5, lines 19-21), the conversion of the proxy email address to the actual email address is a simple one-to-one mapping. There is no teaching or suggestion in Dickie that the server system 40 processes received proxy email addresses to determine a type of destination specified including

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determining whether the proxy email address specifies a non-absolute sender-relative destination.

Independent claim 18, as amended, also recites “accessing a sender record based on the received sender identification information, the sender record including at least three different types of attributes, including a name attribute for identifying a name of a sender and an email attribute for identifying an email address of the sender”. The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-62. (Office Action at page 4). Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-62, discloses that a database 430 of proxy addresses is stored in storage element 230, and describes updating of the database 430. There is no disclosure in this cited portion of Dickie that teaches or suggests accessing a sender record based on received sender identification information, the sender record including at least three different types of attributes, including a name attribute for identifying a name of a sender and an email attribute for identifying an email address of the sender.

Independent claim 18, as amended, also recites “providing action information identifying a plurality of actions associated with a plurality of sender-relative destinations, wherein each action specifies a plurality of hierarchical search terms”. The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 6, lines 42-54. (Office Action at page 4). Dickie at col. 6, lines 42-54, discloses that different proxy addresses may be used for a recipient so that high priority messages are directed to an email pager, a telephone, or another electronic device of the recipient, and lower priority messages are directed to the standard email of the recipient. Dickie discloses that “[t]he proxy email address corresponds to the recipient’s actual email address, but is different from the actual email address.” (Dickie at col. 5, lines 19-21). Thus, each proxy email address in Dickie has one associated actual destination email address. The actual destination email address for any given proxy email address does not vary based on sender identity. Thus, the proxy email addresses disclosed in Dickie are not sender-relative destinations as defined in claim 18. There is also no disclosure in Dickie that the proxy email addresses are associated with actions that each specify a plurality of hierarchical search terms. The cited portions of Dickie do not teach or suggest “providing action information identifying a plurality of actions associated with a plurality of sender-relative destinations, wherein each action specifies a plurality of hierarchical search terms”, as recited in independent claim 18.

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Independent claim 18 also recites “identifying a first action in the action information based on the received destination information, the first action associated with the first sender-relative destination”. The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 6, lines 10-24, and lines 42-54. (Office Action at page 4). Dickie at col. 6, lines 10-24, discloses that a proxy email address is transmitted to the server system 40, which converts the proxy email address to the actual email address of the recipient. Since the proxy email address corresponds to one actual email address of a recipient (Dickie at col. 5, lines 19-21), the conversion of the proxy email address to the actual email address is a simple one-to-one mapping. Dickie at col. 6, lines 42-54, discloses that different proxy addresses may be used for a recipient so that high priority messages are directed to an email pager, a telephone, or another electronic device of the recipient, and lower priority messages are directed to the standard email of the recipient. As described above, the proxy addresses disclosed in Dickie are not sender-relative destinations as defined in claim 18. There is no disclosure in the cited portions of Dickie that teaches or suggests “identifying a first action in the action information based on the received destination information, the first action associated with the first sender-relative destination”, as recited in independent claim 18.

Independent claim 18 also recites “identifying a first attribute in the sender record based on the first action and the received destination information”. The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-62. (Office Action at page 4). Dickie at col. 5, lines 35-62, discloses that a database 430 of proxy addresses is stored in storage element 230, and describes updating of the database 430. There is no disclosure in this cited portion of Dickie that teaches or suggests identifying a first attribute in the sender record based on the first action and the received destination information, as recited in independent claim 18.

Independent claim 18 also recites “determining a first absolute destination based on the first attribute”. The Examiner indicated that these limitations are disclosed by Dickie at col. 6, lines 10-24. (Office Action at page 4). Dickie at col. 6, lines 10-24, discloses that a proxy email address is transmitted to the server system 40, which converts the proxy email address to the actual email address of the recipient. Since the proxy email address corresponds to one actual email address of a recipient (Dickie at col. 5, lines 19-21), the conversion of the proxy email address to the actual email address is a simple one-to-one

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mapping. There is no teaching or suggestion in the cited portion of Dickie that teaches or suggests determining a first absolute destination based on an identified attribute in a sender record, as recited in independent claim 18.

In view of the above, Dickie does not teach or suggest each and every limitation of independent claim 18. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the rejection of claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), and requests allowance of this claim. Since dependent claims 19-21 further limit patentably distinct claim 18 and are further distinguishable over the cited reference, claims 19-21 are believed to be allowable over the cited reference, and allowance of claims 19-21 is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable by Dickie in view of Agraharam et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,987,508 ("Agraharam"). Actually, since this rejection is based on a combination of references, this rejection appears to be a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103. Claim 3 is dependent on independent claim 1. As described above with respect to claim 1, Dickie does not teach or suggest numerous limitations of claim 1. Agraharam also does not teach or suggest these limitations of claim 1. Since dependent claim 3 further limits patentably distinct claim 1 and is further distinguishable over the cited references, claim 3 is believed to be allowable over the cited references, and allowance of claim 3 is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-9 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable by Dickie in view of Takahashi et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,442,589 ("Takahashi"). Actually, since this rejection is based on a combination of references, this rejection appears to be a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103. Claims 7-9 are dependent on independent claim 1. Claim 16 is dependent on independent claim 14. As described above with respect to claims 1 and 14, Dickie does not teach or suggest numerous limitations of these claims. Agraharam also does not teach or suggest these limitations of claims 1 and 14. Since dependent claims 7-9 and 16 further limit patentably distinct claim 1 or claim 14 and are further distinguishable over the cited references, claims 7-9 and 16 are believed to be allowable over the cited references, and allowance of claims 7-9 and 16 is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-21 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-21 is respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(h)(i). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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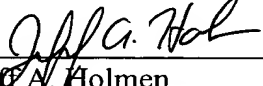
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